

III. REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 20, 21, 23 and 26 have been amended and claims 4, 7-9, 16-19, 24, 25 and 27 have been canceled. As a result, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-15, 20-23 and 26 remain pending in this application. These amendments are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 10-15, 22-23 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nuiro Tsuchida, Yoji Yamada, and Minoru Ueda, Hardware for Image Rotation by Twice Skew Transformations, hereafter “Nuiro,” in view of Sung-Il Chien and Yung-Mok Baek, Hierarchical Block Matching Method for Fast Rotation of Binary Images, hereafter “Chien.” Claims 4-9, 16-21, 24-25 and 27 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicants gratefully appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter and have amended independent claims 1, 10, 22 and 26 to include the subject matter deemed by the Office to be allowable from claims 4, 19, 25 and 27, respectively. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

IV. CONCLUSION

In addition to the above arguments, Applicants submit that each of the pending claims is patentable for one or more additional unique features. To this extent, Applicants do not

acquiesce to the Office's interpretation of the claimed subject matter or the references used in rejecting the claimed subject matter. Additionally, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Office's combinations and modifications of the various references or the motives cited for such combinations and modifications. These features and the appropriateness of the Office's combinations and modifications have not been separately addressed herein for brevity. However, Applicants reserve the right to present such arguments in a later response should one be necessary.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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